

**Celebrating**  
**hispanic heritage!**

***2011 Statewide  
Calendar of Events***

***Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan***

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Saludos!

The Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan (formerly known as the Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs) extends a warm invitation to the people of the state of Michigan to celebrate and participate in the 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month activities. Enclosed is the Statewide Schedule of Events in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15.

Hispanics have played an important role in the development of our state's rich cultural heritage. Therefore, the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan continues to ensure that the contributions of Hispanics are recognized. We encourage Michigan's Hispanic community to take pride in their cultural heritage and to share their culture with the people of Michigan.

Cities throughout the state have planned events to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month. We are confident that all those who participate will find a great wealth of accomplishments, dreams, skills, diversity and friendship at these events.

Have a great Hispanic Heritage Month!

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence T. Garcia".

Lawrence T. Garcia  
Commission Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marylou Mason".

Marylou Mason  
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## **What Can I Do to Commemorate The Contributions of U.S. Hispanics?**

In addition to participating in the planned statewide and local activities, what you do to commemorate the contributions of U.S. Hispanics depends on who you are and what you enjoy most. Following are suggestions from **A-Z** for individuals and groups.

**A**ttend a lecture, workshop, luncheon, or brown bag discussion about Hispanic Heritage.

**B**ooks - Read a book by or about a Hispanic. Organize a Hispanic Reading Day. Donate a book to your local library. Invite a Hispanic author to a book signing.

**C**ontact the Michigan Educational Association and ask for a copy of their Annual Hispanic Heritage Month publication.

**D**atabase - Create and maintain a database of contributions of U.S. Hispanics, and a database of Hispanics in your community.

**E**arn a badge of honor relating to Hispanic Heritage. Or design one for youth to earn.

**F**lag raising or parade of flags - Attend one or organize one with your group.

**G**roups -If you are a Hispanic group, invite a non-Hispanic group to a meeting. If you are a non-Hispanic group, invite a Hispanic group to a meeting. (For example: business groups, senior citizens groups, youth groups.)

**H**ighlight Hispanics and their contributions on a calendar for September to October. Distribute at group meetings.

**I**nternships and scholarships - Establish and offer them to local Hispanics.

**J**og around the neighborhood and see if any of the historical landmarks commemorate contributions of Hispanics.

**K**nead some tortillas or a masa for pasteles. If you do not know what they are, do some research and find out.

**L**ook up local Hispanic artists, musicians, dancers. Hire them to entertain the public at your establishment.

**M**agazines - Subscribe to a Hispanic magazine such as *Latina Style* (800) 651-8083 or *Hispanic Link* (202-234-0280).

**N**ewspapers - Write or publish newspaper articles highlighting past and current Hispanics. Offer a writing contest on “What does it mean to be a leader?” or “Hispanic Contributions in the United States.” Sponsor newspapers for a classroom to read about Hispanic countries.

**O**rganize a talent show, a fashion show, or a bilingual poetry reading.

**P**otluck with Hispanic food. Design menus to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month at your school or organization.

**Q**uiz competition - Be an organizer or be a participant.

**R**e-enactment or play - Write, direct, act in, sponsor or attend.

**S**panish - Learn to sing a song in Spanish. Learn one new Spanish word each day of Hispanic Heritage Month.

**T**able decorations - Design, make, or donate placemats, informative table tents, or little table decorations to schools, hospitals or nursing homes.

**U**niversities - Host a Hispanic College Fair. Organize a Hispanic student and alumni reception. Create a library display with photographs, names, and a selective bibliography of Hispanic faculty.

**V**ideo - Rent and watch one by or about Hispanics.

**W**ord matches or crossword puzzles - create with Spanish words useful to your organization or with English words to quiz others on contributions of Hispanics in the U.S.

**X, Y, Z** - Be creative and make up your own ways to commemorate. Share your ideas.



## 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month Statewide Schedule of Events



Date	City	Location	Event	Time	Sponsor/Contact
September 9-10	Grand Rapids	Calder Plaza	<b>Hispanic Festival</b>	Fri-11:30am-11:00pm Sat-12:00pm-11:00pm	Hispanic Center of Western Michigan Contact: 616-742-0200
September 10	Detroit	DTE Energy, Town Square, One Energy Plaza	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner &amp; Celebration</b> \$50/ticket	6:00pm-10:00pm	Wayne State University/Center for Chicano-Boricua Studies Contact: 313-577-4378
September 10	Riga	Riga Fire Hall	<b>Honketown Reunion</b> Dinner and dance	Dinner 5:00pm-7:00pm Dance 7:00-11:00pm	Contact: Maya Miralez at 517-260-2071
September 11	Lansing	Creole Gallery, Old Town, 1218 Turner Street,	<b>Nuevas Inspiraciones/New Inspirations Art Exhibition featuring work by Latino artists.</b>	12:00noon-5:00pm	Creole Gallery Contact: Paloma Rosales at 517-371-4600
September 11	Adrian	Churches of Lenawee County	<b>Day of Prayer for Peace</b> Remembrance of the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy.		Contact: Emily Martinez at 517-486-4278
September 14	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center, area 51	<b>Which Way Home Documentary</b>	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
September 15	University Center	Delta College, Main Campus, Lower West Lounge Area	<b>Susana Quintanilla &amp; Associates from the Ballet Folklórico Estudiantil “Hispanic Modern Dance Workshop”</b> Providing basic dance lessons and demonstrations to the tunes and sounds of salsa, meringue and bachata music.	12:00 noon – 2:00pm	Delta College Contact: 989-686-9673
September 15	Adrian	Adrian City Hall, 135 E. Maumee Street, Adrian	<b>Flag Raising Presentation by Paul “Chico” Martinez and Proclamation presented by Mayor Gary McDowell</b>	10:00am-11:00am	Contact: Emily Martinez at 517-486-4278

September 15	Big Rapids	Ferris State University The Rock Café	<b>Lunch at the Rock Café/Hispanics Role if Michigan's Rebirth</b> Regular dining charges	Lunch 11:00am-1:30pm presentation 11:00am-12:00noon	Ferris State University Contact: 231-591-2617
September 15	Kalamazoo	Western MI University, Multicultural Center	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration</b>	6:00pm-9:30pm	Western Michigan University Contact: Mike Ramirez at 269-387-3329
September 17	Kalamazoo	Western MI University, Bernhard Center	<b>El Dia de la Familia</b>	9:30am	Western Michigan University Contact: Mike Ramirez at 269-387-3329
September 19	Adrian	Adrian College, 110 S. Madison Avenue	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off</b> Program/Luncheon Speaker: Marcelina Trevino-Savala	11:30am-1:30pm	Contact: Emily Martinez at 517-486-4278 or Laura VanSickle at 517-263-7861
September 19	Adrian	Siena Heights University, Trinity Gardens	<b>The Best Fiesta</b> Music featuring "The South Side Evolution Latin Band." Free	5:00pm-8:00pm	Contact: Paul Spradley at 517-264-7175
September 20	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Cook-DeWitt Center	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	1:00pm-2:30pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
September 21	Big Rapids	Ferris State University, Rankin Student Center Dome Room	<b>The 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration</b> Authentic food, dance lessons, music, and art and crafts.	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Ferris State University Contact: 231-591-2617
September 22	Mt. Pleasant	Central MI University, Plachta Auditorium, Warriner Hall	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration</b> Keynote Speaker: Edward James Olmos	7:00pm	Central MI University Contact: Keisha Janney at 989-774-3945
September 24	Marshall	Carver Park, corner of Michigan Ave & Exchange Street	<b>Marshall's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hispanic Festival</b> Music, low-rider/bicycle show and children's activities, food and merchandise vendors. Free	12:00noon-10:30pm	New Latino Visions Contact: Gloria Mireles a 517-392-8001

September 28	University Center	Delta College, Main Campus, Room N-007	<b>"The legacy of Hispanic Americans in the United States Armed Forces by Brandon Minuth"</b> United States Navy Seal Veteran speaks on how Hispanic Americans have historically served and heroically distinguished themselves in different United State Military campaigns through out the world.	1:00pm-2:00pm	Delta College Contact: 989-686-9673
September 28	Kalamazoo	Western MI University, President's Dining Room	<b>Hispanic Community/Puentes Reception</b>	4:00pm-5:30pm	Western Michigan University Contact: Mike Ramirez at 269-387-3329
September 28	Mt. Pleasant	Central MI University, Bovee University Center Rotunda, 103 E. Preston	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month Food Taster and Capoeira</b>  Hispanic food taster with professional capoeira demonstration/performance	5:00pm-7:00pm	Central MI University Contact: Keisha Janney at 989-774-3945
September 29	Big Rapids	Ferris State University, The Rock Café	<b>Dinner at the Rock Café</b> Authentic menu choices will be featured at various stations. Regular charges apply.	4:00pm-7:00pm	Ferris State University Contact: 231-591-2617
September 29	Big Rapids	Ferris State University, The Rankin Student Center Quiznos Café	<b>"Spoken Word Artist Michael Reyes"</b>	7:00pm-9:00pm	Ferris State University Contact: 231-591-2617
September 29	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Cook-DeWitt Center	<b>Looking through the Wall: Exploring Immigration on the border with students</b> Professor Bob Neustadt, Northern Arizona University	6:00pm-7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
September 30	Pontiac	Crofoot Ballroom, 1 South Saginaw Street	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Salsa Night Music &amp; Dancing Fundraiser</b> International buffet, agency presentation and salsa lessons with Ms. Elaine Marrero with Ozzie Rivera y su Orquesta La Inspiracion. VIP tickets are \$100, salsa dancing tickets \$25 or \$40 per couple.	7:30pm-1:00am	Centro Multicultural La Familia Contact: Debra Ehrmann or Vania Ruiz at 248-858-7800



October 1	Pontiac	Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus, Bldg F	<b>Social Services, Health and Education Fair</b>	10:00am-4:00pm	OCOHSA Contact: Kelly Bidelman at 248-253-1548 x 4003
October 1	Battle Creek	Voces Building, 520 W. Michigan Avenue	<b>Gran inauguración: Muchas Voces, Una Comunidad</b> Free health screenings, live entertainment with music and dancing	12:00pm-5:00pm	Voces Contact: Carla Fernandez-Soto at 269-841-4111
October 2	Lansing	Capital City Grille, 111 N. Grand Avenue	<b>"Nuevas Inspiraciones/New Inspirations"</b> <b>Art Exhibition featuring work by Latino artists.</b>	12:00noon-5:00pm	Creole Gallery Contact: Paloma Rosales at 517-371-4600
October 3	Muskegon	Overbrook Theater on Muskegon Community College Campus, 221 S. Quarterline Road, Muskegon, MI 49442	<b>Tres Vidas</b>  A chamber music theatre work for singing actress and trio (cello, piano and percussion) based on the lives of three legendary Latin American Women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya and Argentinean poet Alfonsina Storni.	6:30pm	Muskegon Community College Contact: Katherine Tosa at 231-777-0376
October 5	Flint	Mott Community College, Center for Teaching & Learning, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, Mott Library	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month: Latinos and the Future of the United States</b> Speaker: Dr. Ruben O. Martinez	3:00pm-4:30pm	Mott Community College Contact: Chulindra Cooks at 810-762-5623
October 6- November 4	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Art Gallery	<b>Fall Arts Exhibition: Dialogue with Argentine Artists</b> Photos of contemporary Buenos Aires	5:00pm-7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 7	Mt. Pleasant	Central Michigan Univ., Bovee University Center Auditorium, 103 E. Preston St.	<b>Mexican/Chican@ Identity and History Through Spoken Word by Michael Reyes</b>	4:00pm	Central Michigan University Contact: Keisha Janney at 989-774-3945

October 8	Kalamazoo	Western MI University, Room 157 series	<b>Home Coming – Latino Alumni Gathering</b>	9:30am-11:30am	Western Michigan University Contact: Mike Ramirez at 269-387-3329
October 10	Lansing	Creole Art Gallery, 1218 Turner Street, Old Town	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in honor of Olga Dazzo, Community Health Director, State of Michigan</b> Reception	5:30pm-7:30pm	Society of Hispanic Business Owners & Professionals Contact: Larry Arreguin at 313-590-8960
October 11	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center, area 51	<b>Argentine Film Night: “Felicitas”</b>	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 11	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Art Gallery	<b>Fall Arts Exhibition</b>	8:00pm-9:30pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 11	University Center	Delta College, Main Campus Lecture Theater	<b>“The Longoria Affair” Documentary by John J. Valadez</b> This documentary is a true story about a funeral parlor’s relentless refusal to host the wake of a Hispanic soldier killed in combat during World War II. This incident sparked the national outrage of Hispanics uniting them to become a national political force for the first time in American history.	12:00noon – 1:30pm	Delta College Contact: 989-686-0673
October 12	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center, area 51	<b>El Sistema Documentary</b>	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 13	Mt. Pleasant	Central Michigan University, Bovee University Center Auditorium, 103 E. Preston Street	What’s Your Dream?: DREAM Act Information and Discussion	5:30pm	Central Michigan University Contact: Keisha Janney at 989-774-3945

October 13	Detroit	Armando's Mexican Restaurant, 4242 W. Vernor Street	<b>Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration – Kick Off Reception</b>	5:30pm-8:00pm	Society of Hispanic Business Owners & Professionals Contact: Larry Arreguin at 313-590-8960
October 14	Allendale	Grand Valley State Field house 160, dance studio	<b>Roots of Tango: Milonga!</b> Basic rhythms and movement in tango	6:00pm-8:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 20	Lansing	Lansing Community College, Dart Auditorium and State Capital lawn	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration</b> 9a-12p: Student Summit at Lansing Community College, Keynote speaker: Mr. Carlos Ojeda, Jr. Workshops by the US Hispanic Leadership Institute 12-1:30: FREE lunch on the capital lawn 5p-8p: Reception/Recognition and scholarship awards at Radisson Hotel. \$35/per person or \$280/table of eight.	9:00am-8:00pm	Contact:  Vicky Garcia at 517-373-8339 or Emily Martinez at 517-486-4278
October 20	Grand Rapids	DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Avenue, N.W.	<b>2011 Cesar E. Chavez Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Gala</b> Guest Speaker: Mr. Jaime Martinez, Founder and Board Chair of the Cesar E. Chavez Legacy and Educational Foundation in San Antonio, Texas.	5:30pm-8:30pm	Contact: Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny at 616-942-5241
October 21	Allendale	Grand Valley State Field house 160, dance studio	<b>Tango from the Golden Era</b> Basic tango dance vocabulary and beginning improvisational dance	6:00pm-8:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 25	Adrian	Lenawee Intermediate School District, Tech Center	<b>Women's Luncheon</b>	11:30am-1:30pm	Contact: Emily Martinez at 517-486-4278
October 25	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center, area 51	<b>Argentine Film Night: "El Abrazo Partido/Lost Embrace"</b>	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 25-27	Kalamazoo	Western MI University,	<b>Spanish Film Festival</b>	4:00pm-6:30pm	Western Michigan University

		Multicultural Center			Contact: Mike Ramirez at 269-387-3329
October 27	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center	<b>Artistic Practice in the Gap</b> Ludmila Ferrari, Earlham College	4:00pm-5:30pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 28	Allendale	Grand Valley State Field house 160, dance studio	<b>Milonga</b> Social tango dance party	6:00-9:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
October 31	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center, area 51	<b>Argentine Film Night: "Cuestión de Principios/A Matter of Principles"</b>	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
November 2	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Cook-Dewitt Center	<b>In the Name of the People Documentary</b> Special appearance by Director Frank Christopher	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
November 1-3	Kalamazoo	Western MI University, Multicultural Center	<b>El Dia de los Muertos</b>	9:00am-5:00pm	Western Michigan University Contact: Mike Ramirez at 269-387-3329
November 3	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center	<b>Power, Justice and Public Memory in Central America</b>	9:30am-5:45pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
November 10	Allendale	Grand Valley State University, Kirkhof Center, area 51	<b>Latin American Open Night</b> Discuss the Latin American Studies minor with professors and students. Why study Latin American Studies? What are the benefits of this minor to your professional future? Refreshments, pizza and music.	4:30pm-5:30pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110
December 7	Allendale	Grand Valley State University,	<b>Blacks in Latino America Documentary - Episode 1: Haiti and the Dominican Republic: An Island Divided</b>	7:00pm	Grand Valley State University Contact: 616-331-8110

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The Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan compiles the Statewide Hispanic Heritage Month Schedule of Events. Please complete the following information if you would like your organization's event listed in next year's schedule of events or if you would like to be placed on our mailing list.

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